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instance, the carrier may be held in holes formed in a bigger remote-acting body, and the micro-substances are held in the carrier further.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete Claims 1-21 without prejudice.

## Amend the following claims:

(amended) A method of controlling a position of carrier holding micro-substances 22. comprises the steps of:

pouring remote-acting bodies for positions thereof to be manipulated by a remote force, micro-substances including a target substance of an assay and so on, carriers capable of holding micro-substances and the remote-acting bodies, into a liquid, a gas or a solid in accordance with a predetermined order,

making the remote-acting bodies and the micro-substances be held in the surfaces of the carrier by agitating the suspension system,

controlling positions of the carriers holding the micro-substances and the remote-acting bodies in the surfaces thereof by applying a remote force to the remote-acting bodies.

23. (amended) A method of controlling positions of carriers holding micro-substances according to claim 22,

wherein the remote-acting bodies consist of magnetic particles, the micro-substances contain a target substance of assay and the carriers are of cellulose.

24. (amended) A method of controlling positions of carriers holding micro-substances according to claim 22, further comprising the steps of:

pouring sterilized reductive enzyme, micro-organisms such as bacteria or viruses being a target substance of an assay and so on, and sterilized cellulose-carriers in a sterilized liquid culture medium

pouring magnetic particles in the liquid culture medium,

agitating the liquid suspended by them,

controlling positions of the micro-organisms by applying or removing a magnetic field.